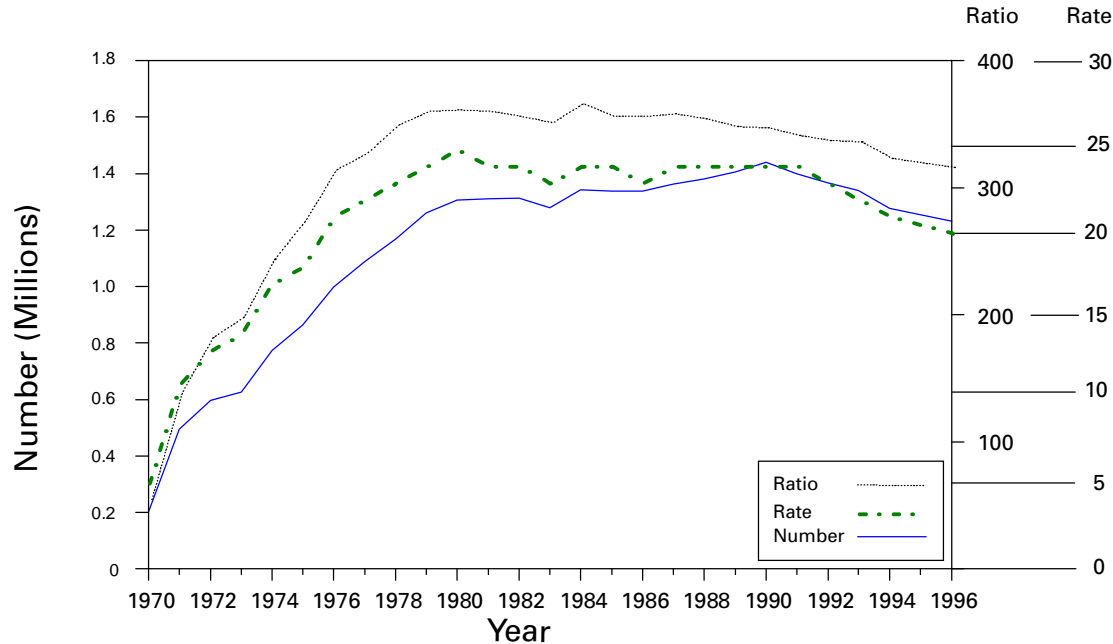


**FIGURE 1. Number, ratio,\* and rate† of legal abortions performed, by year — United States, 1970–1996**



\*Number of abortions per 1,000 live births.

†Number of abortions per 1,000 women 15–44 years of age.